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(ST. LOUIS, MO) – Just days after the President outlined ambitious new clean energy goals for the nation, Representative Russ Carnahan (MO-3) visited Walsh & Associates, a Missouri business that is cutting costs and creating local jobs by investing in a massive, solar-panel roof for its St. Louis headquarters.

Late last year, Walsh & Associates activated a 10,000 square-foot solar panel roof system, which they project will cut their annual energy bills from \$36,000 to just \$1,500. The panels were designed by Straight-Up Solar of St. Louis, made by Sharp Electronics Corp. in Memphis, TN, and installed by local International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers members.

Carnahan toured Walsh & Associates to view the company's [solar panel installation](#) – currently the largest in Missouri – and discussed the role that clean energy jobs can and should play in

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the St. Louis economy.

“This is exactly the kind of innovation that can place St. Louis businesses at the forefront of the new clean energy economy,” Carnahan said. “With our highly-skilled workforce, we should be not only researching new technology and installing solar panels – we should be building them right here in the St. Louis region.”

Since his election in 2004, Rep. Carnahan has worked tirelessly to make the St. Louis region a leader in new energy jobs:

- [Secured over \\$8 million for clean energy job retraining for workers in the manufacturing, building, and retrofitting sectors.](#)
- [Won \\$4 million for research on innovation in biofuels to promote American energy independence.](#)

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- [Voted for legislation to foster regional energy innovation and build on existing regional strengths.](#)

- [Voted for "Make It in America" legislation to stop jobs from going overseas and support a home-grown clean energy economy in the St. Louis region.](#)

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